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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

☐ Previously submitted:

☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

☒ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on March 4, 2010.

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ Attached is/are:

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement

☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings  
(Copy of Response previously filed March 4, 2010)

☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby requests suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ Is no longer desired.

☒ Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- ☒ A request fee of \$810.00 under 37 CFR §1.17(e).
- ☐ A suspension processing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR §1.17(i).
- ☐ An additional filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR §1.16 (\_\_\_\_\_ additional independent claims and/or \_\_\_\_\_ additional total claims).
- ☐ An extension fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR §1.17(a) for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time.

☐ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$810.00.
- ☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE).

Respectfully submitted,

April 6, 2010

Date

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